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1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER TO IZRAEL FROM COSTLE
(SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED):

ACADEMICIAN YURIY A. IZRAEL
CHIEF, MAIN ADMINISTRATION OF THE HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL
SERVICE OF THE USSR
PEREULOK PAVLIKA MOROZOVA, 12
MOSCOW D-376, USSR

DEAR YURIY:
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 25 INVITING BARBARA BLUM
AND ME TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION IN THE SECOND HALF OF JUNE
OR THE FIRST HALF OF JULY FOR THE MID-YEAR REVIEW. AS IT
WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR BOTH OF US TO BE AWAY FROM WASHINGTON
AT THE SAME TIME, I HAVE ASKED BARBARA TO REPRESENT ME AT
THE REVIEW. SHE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY PIERRE SHOSTAL AND

ALICE POPKIN, EPA ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES. POSSIBLY, ONE ADDITIONAL PERSON WILL ACCOMPANY THE DELEGATION AND WE WILL LET YOU KNOW SHORTLY ABOUT THIS.

AS TO THE TIMING FOR THE MID-YEAR REVIEW, I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT BARBARA VISIT THE USSR JULY 8-15. THESE, UNFORTUNATELY, ARE THE ONLY FEASIBLE DATES ON HER CALENDAR AND I HOPE VERY MUCH THAT THEY ARE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU. TENTATIVELY, THE US DELEGATION WOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON JULY 8 ON PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT NO. 66.

I REGRET THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET IN JULY, BUT LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING THIS FALL.

WITH BEST REGARDS.

SINCERELY YOURS,

DOUGLAS M. COSTLE

2. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, EPA DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR HAS RECEIVED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL MAIL THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM DEPUTY AGRICULTURE MINISTER BORIS RUNOV:

APRIL 26, 1978
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DEAR MRS. BLUM:

I HAVE LEARNED THAT YOU ARE PLANNING TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION IN JULY. PERHAPS YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE IN YOUR ITINERARY A VISIT TO SOME OF OUR NATURE PRESERVES. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO SHOW YOU SOME PRESERVES IN CENTRAL RUSSIA OR IN THE MOUNTAINOUS REGIONS OF OUR COUNTRY.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU ARE ARRIVING AND HOW LONG YOU PLAN TO BE IN THE USSR SO THAT I MIGHT MAKE SOME ARRANGEMENTS.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,
WITH BEST WISHES,

BORIS RUNOV

3. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING REPLY TO RUNOV FROM BLUM, WITH COPY TO KAZAKOV (SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED):

MAY 12, 1978

MR. BORIS RUNOV
DEPUTY MINISTER
USSR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

MOSCOW, USSR

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DEAR MR. RUNOV:

I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND LETTER OF APRIL 26 INVITING ME TO VISIT NATURE PRESERVES IN YOUR COUNTRY. THIS IS SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO DO AND HOPE IT CAN BE ARRANGED. IN YOUR PLANNING, YOU MAY WISH TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE FACT THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, THE TIME I WILL
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HAVE IN THE SOVIET UNION IS LIMITED. WE PLAN TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OF SATURDAY, JULY 8 (PAN AMERICAN NO. 66), AND DEPART EARLY THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY FOR WARSAW. SINCE, IN ADDITION TO VISITING MOSCOW I ALSO HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO STOP IN LENINGRAD, THE TIME AVAILABLE FOR OTHER VISITS WILL BE LIMITED. I HOPE THAT, DESPITE THESE TIME CONSTRAINTS, WE CAN GO TOGETHER TO A NATURE PRESERVE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN.

SINCERELY YOURS,

BARBARA BLUM
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

4. EPA AND DEPARTMENT HOPE THAT AN EMBASSY OFFICER CAN ACCOMPANY BLUM DELEGATION DURING TRAVEL OUTSIDE MOSCOW.
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